

BELMONT'S LAST RACE EXACTA HAS MCMAHON TOUCH – JULY 19, 2003

STORM HOPE and MARSCAPOINI, who finished one-two in Belmont Park's finale on Sunday, July 19th were both born and raised at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds. Racing in a \$42,000 state-bred Maiden Special Weight event, going a mile and one-sixteenth over the turf, the Barclay Tagg trained Storm Hope was the odds-on favorite in the seven-horse field and didn't disappoint his backers as he won easily by two-lengths.



Sired by the former McMahon-based JUDGE T C, Storm Hope was bred and is owned by Three Friends Stable, managed by Patrick Murphy. The winner's share of the purse (\$25,200) raises the three-year old dark bay gelding's earnings to \$49,500 in just five-starts. In addition, Three Friends Stable qualifies for a 20% breeders' award (\$5,040) from the New York Breeding and Racing Program.

The second place finisher, Marscaponi, was making his second start for trainer Rodrigo Ubillo (Anne and Joe McMahon's son-in-law) and put in the best race of his 14-race career after finishing third in his initial start for trainer.

Marscaponi, bred and owned by Say A Prayer Stable, managed by Evan Stern, qualified for a breeder's award of 5% of purse earnings from the "Program".

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